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Sir:

**COMMUNICATION IN RESPONSE TO MARCH 28, 2006  
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Communication is submitted in response to the March 28, 2006 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The Office Action provides a one-month period for filing a response. Therefore, a response was originally due on April 28, 2006. Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time. The required fee for a three-month extension of time is \$510.00 and a check for this amount is enclosed. Therefore, a response to the March 28, 2006 Office Action is now due July 28, 2006. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

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